

2006 Experience Rural

New Hampshire



Where to find unique events, learning opportunities and places of interest featuring New Hampshire's rural heritage, agriculture and forestry.

Join the fun!

Visit an historic farm, take the family to a harvest season festival, roam gardens in full bloom, shop a bountiful farmers' market, sample maple sugar on snow, get caught up in the excitement of a country fair...

We invite you to experience rural New Hampshire!

New Hampshire's rural heritage steeped in history and tradition, forms the foundation of our state's character. Hard working innovative Yankees laid that foundation. Experience the history and meet many of today's rural entrepreneurs.



Experience rural New Hampshire for yourself...

2006 Agricultural Fairs...

North Haverhill Fair: July 26-30. Fred C. Lee Memorial Field, North Haverhill. Set in the beautiful Upper Connecticut River Valley, an old-fashioned country fair with attractions for all ages. Located in the foothills of the majestic White Mountains. 787-6696. www.nohaverhillfair.com.

Stratham Fair: July 27-30. Stratham Hill Park, Route 33, Stratham. The Stratham Volunteer Fire Department's all-volunteer effort brings good fun, great food and family entertainment for fairgoers of all ages. Antique tractor pulls and helicopter rides. 772-2990. www.strathamfair.com.

Cheshire Fair: August 1-6. Route 12, North Swanzey. An array of fun from A-Z. Animals to zucchini, fairgoers can find something for every family member. 357-4740. www.cheshirefair.com.

Cornish Fair: August 18-20. Townhouse Road, Cornish. Nestled in the beautiful Connecticut River Valley is the biggest little fair in Sullivan County. Antique tractor pulls, horse, ox and pony pulls, woodsmen contest, arts and crafts, flower, vegetable and art show. Midway and fair food. 675-5603. www.cornishfair.com.

Belknap County Fair: August 12-13. Mile Hill Road, Belmont. Visit an all volunteer agricultural fair, featuring 4-H, amusements, oxen and tractor pulls, assorted entertainment and plenty of good food. 286-3672.

Lancaster Fair: August 30-September 4. Route U.S. 3, Lancaster. Where else would you expect to find a country fair but in the country! What a family fair should be. 636-1813. www.lancasterfair.com.

Hopkinton State Fair: August 31-September 4. Hopkinton Fair Grounds, Contoocook. Time with us will be worthy of a Blue Ribbon! 746-4191. www.hsfair.org.

Hillsborough County Ag Fair: September 8-10. 4-H Youth Center, New Boston. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the county fair. Horse, oxen, truck and tractor pulls. The original and largest NH giant pumpkin weigh off, farm animals, midway, stage entertainment and fair food. 487-5148. www.nhfairs.com/hillsboro.

Rochester Fair: September 15-24. Lafayette Street, Rochester. New Hampshire's largest midway makes the Rochester Fair one event not to miss! NH Fairs only harness racing. 332-6585. www.rochesterfair.com.

Deerfield Fair: September 28-October 1. Route 43, Deerfield. Amid nature's dazzling display of fall colors experience NH's best horse show, world championship horse pulling, spectacular midway rides. Star Spangled Circus, large farm museum, sheep dog demos and much, much more. Family fair where parking and entertainment are free. 463-7421. www.deerfieldfair.com.

Sandwich Fair: October 7-9. Center Sandwich. A time-tested staple of Americana set under the canopy of autumn since the early 1900's. 284-7062. www.sandwichfairnh.com.

Web site for Fairs: www.nhfairs.com

About Town...

Lee Country Fair-Lee. First Saturday after Labor Day, 9am-9pm. Food, Fun Run, children's parade, car show, pedal tractor pull, apple peeling contest, horseshoe tournament, 4H demonstration, teen field events, pie eating contest, Quest martial arts demonstration, children's field events, music, square dancing, karaoke, end the evening with a raffle drawing. 659-5493.

Rindge Congregational Church Events-Rindge. 899-6823, trudiek@gis.net.

Supper Club-Potluck on third Saturday of the month, 6pm, excluding June, July, August & December.

Men's Club Roast Beef Suppers-June 24, July 29, August 26, seatings at 5pm & 6:30pm, \$10/adults, \$5/children, 899-6823 for reservations.

Country Fair & Flea Market-July 22, 8am-2pm, space available outside, 899-6663/3179.

Women's Club Craft Fair-August 12, 8am-2pm, space available outside, 899-9783.

Harvest Fair-October 7, 7am-4pm, space available outside, 899-3281.

Turkey Dinner-October 28, \$9/adults, \$5/children, call 899-6823 for reservations.

Snowflake Fair-November 25, 9am-2pm, 899-6651/6823, Santa will be attending.

Historic Belknap Mill-25 Beacon Street East, Laconia. 524-8813, KLABRA@metrocaster.net, www.belknapmill.org.

American Bikers-View from the Sissybar-June 10-18, 9am-5pm. Motorcycle and lifestyle photography.

Recognition Reception-June 23, 5:30pm. Honoring outstanding Belknap Mill members.

Celebrate the River!-June 23-July 20, 9am-5pm. Update of Riverwalk project and Laconia's Riverfront District.

Riverside Concerts-July-August, 6:30pm. A variety of performers at Rotary Riverside Park.

Used Book Sale-August 2-5, 9am-5pm. Bargain books to special editions.

An Artist's View of the World-August 17-September 14, 9am-5pm. Retrospective exhibition of works by NH artist, Lawrence Frates.

Multicultural Market Day-September 9, 10am-8:30pm. Performances, displays, food and vendors.

Traditional Rug Hooking in Today's World-September 21-October 19, 9am-5pm. Exhibit and program series.

Nature's Light-October 26-November 27, 9am-5pm. Painting, photography and multi-media exhibition.

Lakes Region Cuisine & Live Auction-November 17, 6:30pm. Food from local restaurants and auction of fine products and services.

Trees for the Holidays-December 1-31, 9am-5pm. Eighteen trees, decorated for the holidays, compete for prizes.

Holiday Open House-December 10, 12-4pm. Tours, food and entertainment plus holiday shopping.

New Boston's 75th Annual 4th of July Celebration-July 4, 10am-dark. Parade, chicken barbeque, children's performers, events, fiddler's contest, horse pulling, mud volleyball, tractor pulls, fireworks at dark and much more! 487-2631.

Boscawen Old Home Day-Jamie Welsh Field. August 25, 11am-8pm. Parade at 11am on North Main Street, Activities start at noon, food vendors, booths, children's games, 4-6pm enjoy a chicken barbeque at the Town Hall and at 8pm fireworks at the Jamie Welsh Field. 796-7011.

87th Annual Gilford Old Home Day-Gilford Village. August 26, 7am-11:30pm. Featuring a pancake breakfast, parade, food and craft vendors, games, field events, entertainment, road race, band concert, fireworks and a dance for all ages. 527-4722, sking@gilfordnh.org.

Danbury Grange & Community Fair-15 North Road, Danbury. September 9, 7am-12am. Exhibits, crafts, food, parade, baby show, music, horseshoe tournament, baked bean and ham supper, bluegrass music by Cardigan Mountain Tradition, auction and street dance. 768-3666.

Annual Book Sale-Plainfield Town Hall, Route 12A, Plainfield. September 16-17, 9am-4pm. Approximately 8,000 donated books, low prices, bag sale on Sunday 2-4pm. 675-6866, plfdlib@cyberportal.net.

NH Aquaculture Association Cookout-Poling Aquaculture, Fisher Road, Deering. September 16, 10am-2pm. Sharing and sampling of food products, good music and lots of fun, tours of fish farm and alpaca farm. 464-3799, murrel@iamnow.net.

3rd Annual War Veteran's Annual Cookout-Poling Aquaculture, Fisher Road, Deering. September 30, 10am-4pm. Coming together, good food, music, fun for all, tour of fish farm and alpaca farm. 464-3799, murrel@iamnow.net.

Harvest Festival & Apple Pie Sale-Marlow village. October 1, 8am-5pm. Crafts, art exhibition, entertainment, food concession and apple pie sale. 446-7044.

Bike for Books-North Conway. October 7, 9:30am. Bike tour of the Mount Washington Valley offers 5, 20 and 30 mile route options to accommodate various interests and ability levels. Every participant can choose their own route and own pace on the well-marked mountain bike trails during the fall foliage season. Food and drinks along the way and a big lunch will be provided to all participants. 356-2961, ncpl@verizon.net.

150th Farm Anniversary Celebration-Huntoon Farm, 46 Huntoon Road, Danbury. October 21-22, 10am-4pm. One family, one farm, 150 years of heritage! Farm tours, farm antiques, memorabilia, animals, then and now displays, farm related activities and cake. 768-5579, pdsprague@nhvt.net, www.huntoonfarm.com.

Thanksgiving Farm Fare-Stonewall Farm, 242 Chesterfield Road, Keene. November 18, 9am-3pm. Buy fresh, locally produced food for your Thanksgiving feast at our annual event. Over 30 vendors featuring organic turkey, fresh vegetables, candy, cheeses, apple cider, honey, jams, jellies, pies, herbal and fruit vinegars, sauces, crafts, centerpieces for the table and much more! 357-7278, www.stonewallfarm.org, harrington@stonewallfarm.org.

Art & Crafts...

White Barn Studio & Gallery-Route 25, 148 Newell Hill, Piermont. April-November, 10am-5pm. From spring to winter the gallery is open showing works of all types of North Country artists in two week increments. The work of Katherine Johnson is permanently on display. There is sculpture on the extensive grounds, waterfalls, gardens, llamas, and a most welcoming atmosphere. 272-4843.

Artisans by the Lake-Center for Traditional Arts, 42 Plymouth Street, Center Harbor. June 24, 10am-5pm. Full day of activities and demonstrations by local artisans, featuring traditional handwork, such as spinning, weaving, bentwood box making, herbal craft and basket making. Sample NH made food products, join the quilting bee, try your hand at weaving or use antique hand tools from our wood shop. 253-7722, ddemers.cftarts@verizon.net, www.cftarts.com.

Pemi Print Makers-Artistic Roots Cooperative Gallery & Creative Center, corner of Route 175 and 49, Campton Falls Marketplace. Month of August, 10am-6pm, daily. Regional artists display their print making talents. 726-7101, artrootscampton@yahoo.com, <http://www.artisticroots.com/>.

Maxfield Parrish Vintage Print & Collectible Sale-Plainfield Town Hall, Route 12A. October 7-8, 10am-5pm. Sale of vintage prints and other merchandise by artist Maxfield Parrish. Stage set designed by Parrish in 1916 on display and lighted. Admission \$1. 675-6866, plfdlib@cyberportal.net.

Forests, Trails & Woodsmen's Events...

D Acres of New Hampshire-218 Streeter Woods Road, Dorchester. 786-2366, www.dacres.org, dacres@cyberportal.net.

Sustainable Forestry Firewood-June 24, 2-4pm. Learn the appropriate methods of culling timber from a woodland with a chainsaw as well as manual splitting techniques. Admission \$24.

Sustainable Forestry Erosion Control-July 1, 2-4pm. Find out how to build infrastructure like water bars, box culverts and bridges that help to eliminate soil degradation. Admission \$24.

10th Annual Rich Kinder Memorial Lumberjack Contest-North Haverhill Fair, Route 10, North Haverhill. July 29, 10am, registration; 10:30, contest begins. Pre-registration is required. Events include, wood chopping, crosscut sawing, Jack and Jill sawing, stock chain sawing, modified chain sawing, log rolling, buck sawing, axe throwing, most are for both men and women. Come and enjoy a fine tradition in sport and history. 787-6944/6998, donna.mitton@unh.edu.

Cornish Fair Woodsmens Field Day-Cornish. August 19, 9am-4pm. Variety of competitions including ax throwing, buck sawing, Jack & Jill crosscut sawing, wood chopping, chainsaw speed saw, tree felling, wood cutting skills relay and other events. 863-9200, chuck.hersey@unh.edu.

Gardens...

Herb Gardens-Heritage Herbs, Hannah Dustin Road, Canterbury. May-October, 10am-5pm. Walk through the gardens, all plants marked, after the walk sit on the banks of the Merrimack River with a glass of iced tea and a goodie, relax and enjoy. 753-9005.

D Acres of New Hampshire Garden Events-218 Streeter Woods Road, Dorchester. 786-2366, d acres@cyberportal, www.d acres.org.

Earthen Building-Plastering-June 10, 1-4pm. Admission \$28. Natural materials for making stucco.

Mushroom ID-July 30, 10am-4pm. Admission \$40. With mushroom expert Terry-Anna Hayes.

Earthen Building-September 2, 30, October 14, 10am-4pm. Admission \$40. Techniques such as adobe, cob and cordwood construction. Also sand, straw and clay.

No-till Gardening-October 7, 1-4pm. Admission \$24. Prepare soil without mechanical farming.

Root Cellar-October 15, 2-4pm. Admission \$20. Learn design principles and best uses.

Components of Healthy Soil-Paul Sachs-November 4, 2-4pm. Admission \$20. Lecture on the importance of good soil for productivity.

Spider Web Gardens-252 Middle Road, Center Tuftonboro. 569-3608, swg@worldpath.net.

Jumbo Days-July 1. Visit gardens and cut your own bouquets.

Cut Flower Gardens Open-August 3-4. Cut and arrange your flowers for display and judging.

Cut Flower Exhibition & Contest-August 5-6. View flower arrangements created by area residents.

Fall Seeding of Lawns-August 26, 10am. Tips for fall lawn fertilization.

Scarecrow Making Workshop-September 16, 10am. Fee \$10. Make your own scarecrow.

Fall Festival-September 30-October 1. Tractor rides, squash recipe swap.

Terrarium Building-October 14, 10am. Build a terrarium using native woodland plants.

Winterizing the Perennial Garden-October 21, 10am. Put your garden to bed for the winter.

Holiday Containers-November 4, 10am. Learn holiday decorating techniques with greens and seasonal items.

Create a Forced Bulb Garden-November 5, 1pm. Fee \$7. Learn how to create a successful container garden.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop-November 11, 25, 10am. Fee \$15. Make a double-sided wreath of greens.

Kissing Ball Workshop-November 18, December 9, 10am. Fee \$15. Create a kissing ball.

Christmas Wreath Decorating-December 2, 10am. Decorate your wreath with cones, bows and more.

Square Foot Gardening Class-Maple Hill Farm & Greenhouse, 2445 Littleton Road, Monroe. May 27, 11ma-12:30pm. Join us for a demonstration of square foot gardening. We will go over all aspects of setting up a garden, as well as, choosing soils, plants and watering options. Grow a bounty of vegetables or flowers in a small area. Reservations are required. 638-2647, maplehillflowers@adelphia.net, <http://www.localharvest.org>.

Garden Expo at the Rockingham County Botanical Garden-113 North Road, Brentwood. June 24, 9am-3pm. A fun filled event featuring booths full of garden plants from local nurseries, greenhouses and garden centers, as well as garden-related tools and ornaments. Educational exhibits and Master Gardener volunteers will be on hand to answer your home grounds and garden related questions. Come enjoy a beautiful outdoor setting sure to inspire your gardening spirit. Admission \$7/adults; children under 18 free. 679-5616, nancy.adams@unh.edu.

Open Gardens at the Woodlands-10 Monadnock Road, Harrisville. July 14-August 13, 10am-4pm, weekends. Located in a lovely country setting, a national display garden for the American Hemerocallis Society with over 650 varieties of daylilies and 200 varieties of hosta. There are perennial and vegetable gardens to see, as well as animals. Master Gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Free admission. 827-9814, thewoodlands@cheshire.net.

Davis Brook Farm Garden Events-106 Bonds Corner Road, Hancock. Call for registration and admission fees. 525-4728, daylilies@davisbrookfarm.mv.com, www.davisbrookfarm.com.

11th Annual Daylily Extravaganza-July 22-23, 9am-3pm. Over 500 varieties on display.

Photography for the Budding Digital Shutterbug-July 14-15, 10am. Introduction to flower photography.

Daylily Hybridizing-August 4-5, 10am. Create your own daylily hybrids.

1st Annual Barefoot Daylily Sale-August 25-26, 9am-3pm. Get a jump on fall planting.

15th Annual Open House-Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials, 452 Mountain Road, Goffstown. July 22-23, 9am-5pm. Extensive daylily collection in peak bloom, 2-1/2 acres of display gardens and stock beds to wonder through, over 800 varieties of perennials, roses, vines, choice shrubs, grasses, herbs, berry bushes available. Free lemonade to sip and cookies to munch. Drawings each day for gift cards and t-shirts. 497-3975.

Garden Festival-Rockingham County Botanical Gardens, 113 North Road, Brentwood. August 26, 10am-1pm. Youth and adults will enjoy gardening workshops and demonstrations during our annual fall open house. The half-acre landscaped house lot offers ideas for any homeowner and Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer your gardening questions. Plant sale, free soil pH testing and refreshments. Rain or shine, free admission. 679-5616, nancy.adams@unh.edu.

Hay & Sleigh Rides...

Hay & Sleigh Rides-Stonewall Farm, 242 Chesterfield Road, Keene. Seasonally, call for reservations. Enjoy a nostalgic hay or sleigh ride, pulled by our magnificent Belgian draft horses. After your ride, warm up by the fire with hot cocoa and marshmallows. 357-7278, rlinna@stonewallfarm.org, www.stonewallfarm.org.

Hike & Hayride Farm Tour-Huntoon Farm, 46 Huntoon Road, Danbury. October 29 & November 5, 11am. Travel by wagon to the heights of our property then hike with us through fields and forest as we visit sites connected to the farm's heritage. Bring your own lunch. Reservations required. Admission \$10 per person. 768-5579, pdsprague@nhvt.net, www.huntoonfarm.com.

Livestock...

Farm Animals-Stonewall Farm, 242 Chesterfield Road, Keene. Year round. Our working farm and education center is open to the public, from dawn 'til dusk! Come visit the farm animals, including cows, sheep, horses, goats, rabbits, chickens and more. Stroll through our gardens and enjoy a picnic by the brook. No admission fee. Call for more information. 357-7278, kharrington@stonewallfarm.org, www.stonewallfarm.org.

Farm Animals-Schroeder Farm, 126 Sutton Road, South Newbury. Summertime. General viewing of a working farm with sheep, lambs, pigs, turkeys, chickens, laying hens, black Angus cattle, farm stand and sugar house. Families welcome. 938-5911.

Wentworth Hunt Series-paces, all small dressage show, fox hunting meet (opening), Wednesdays and mostly Sundays until December. Contact Cheryl Niles, 200 Sixth Street, Dover. 749-0452, redhorsehillpottery@comcast.net.

Hunter Pace-June 10, Milton Mills. Contact Sheila Furtney, 664-7920, jakruster@aol.com

Cub Season Opens-Fox Hunting-August 16, Dover. Contact Cheryl Niles, 749-0452, redhorsehillpottery@comcast.net.

Hunter Pace-August 19, Dover. Contact Cheryl Niles, 749-0452, redhorsehillpottery@comcast.net.

New Hampshire Arabian Horse Show-Deerfield Fairgrounds. August 10-13, 9am. Arabian horse show open to all Arabians and half Arabian, offering classes for National show horse and new this year Academy classes on Saturday, open to all horses used in a schooling program, no matter the breed. See complete prize list of classes and specifications. 544-2622, www.nhaha.org.

Maple Sugaring...

NH Maple Sunday-Sugar Shack, 314 Route 4, Barrington. March 25, 2007, 7:30am-1pm; entertainment, 10am-1pm. All you can eat breakfast buffet, entertainment, product sampling, outside displays, maple syrup production. Breakfast buffet open weekends in February-Mother's Day, 7:30am-1pm, our gift shop is open year round and tours are offered year round. 868-6636/1-800-57-MAPLE, hgowen3082@aol.com, www.maplesugarshack.net.

NH Maple Weekend-NH Maple Producers Association, March 2007. Visit participating NH Maple Producers around the state and see sap boiling, taste maple syrup and enjoy other maple traditions such as "sugar on snow." Each location offers different activities. See www.nhmapleproducers.com or call 225-3757 for dates and more information.

Museums & Historic Sites; Farm & Special Events...

The Sheridan House: The Winchester Historical Society Museum-391 Back Ashuelot Road, Ashuelot. May 3-October 29, 9am-12pm, Wednesdays; 2-4pm, Sundays. The museum is housed in a Victorian cottage, built by Charles Norton in 1870. Many unusual architectural features both inside and out make it an interesting place to visit. Eight rooms

have been restored including a reference room, which houses genealogical information as well as articles on local history. Restoration of rooms is ongoing. Winchester memorabilia is on display throughout all rooms. 239-7399/4211, <http://userpages.cheshire.net/~dbd/index.htm>, dbd@cheshire.net.

Sanbornton Historical Society Events-Lane Tavern, Route 132, Sanbornton Village Square. The Sanbornton Historical Society has its headquarters in the Lane Tavern, a 19th century drover's inn and stagecoach stop in Sanbornton Square on Route 132, the old Boston to Montreal road. The Society holds its meetings at the Tavern on the first Wednesday of the month from April through October at 7:30pm, followed by programs that are open to the public free of charge. There are also many special events throughout the year. 286-4897, info@lanetavern.org, www.lanetavern.org.

The 2006 programs include:

Flea Market & Craft Sale-June 17, 9am-2pm.

Farmers' Market-June 30-October 6, 3pm-6pm, Fridays.

Open House with Tavern Tours-July 1, August 4, September 1, 3-6pm.

Blacksmithing Colonial Hardware-July 5.

A Postcard History of Laconia, Tilton & Sanbornton-August 2.

Old Home Day Tours-August 5, 10am-2pm.

Heritage Harvest Supper & Open House-August 19, 6pm.

Point Comfort & the Canterbury Shakers: 13 Summers on Lake Winnisquam-September 6.

Annual Meeting & Supper-October 4, 6:30pm.

Christmas Greens & Crafts Sale-December 2, 9am-3pm.

The Fells/John Hay National Wildlife Refuge-Route 103A, Newbury. Historic gardens, including Rock Garden, Rose Terrace, "secret" Old Garden, perennial border and trails open daily. Historic house tours. Registration requested for most programs. Call 763-4789 for admission and registration details or go to www.thefells.org.

Around the Bend: Opening Gala-June 30, 5-8pm. Explore the beauty, history and ecology of the Sugar River.

Early Years of the Sugar River: Formation & Fish-July 5, 3-5pm. Explore the history of the local watershed.

The Fells Garden Tour-July 29. Self-guided tours of a variety of regional gardens.

The Fells Plant Sale-August 19, 9am-12pm. Hundreds of choice perennials, shrubs and trees for sale.

History Symposium-September 23.

Christmas at The Fells-November 4-5, 11-12. The Main House will be decorated for the season.

Remick Museum Events-58 Cleveland Hill Road, Tamworth Village. 323-7591, pr@remickmuseum.org, www.remickmuseum.org. Contact for details, registration and admission fees.

Ox & Rocks-June 17, 10am-2pm. Working farm animals and traditional farm equipment.

Rise & Shine Workshop-July 8, 7-10am. Try your hand at morning farm chores!

Stenciling Workshop-August 5, 10am-12pm. Traditional wall stenciling.

Captain Enoch Remick House: Open House-August 12, 1-4pm. National Historic Place built in 1808.

Kraut & Pickles Workshop-September 9, 10am-12pm. Make your own sauerkraut and pickles.

Harvest Festival-September 16, 1-4pm. Music, food and crafts.

Hearthside Dinner-September 23, October 21, December 16, 5-7pm. 19th century hearthside dinner recreated.

Fair Food Workshop-October 7, 10am-12pm. Learn to make Blue Ribbon prize recipes.

Historic Thanksgiving-November 11, 1-4pm. Demonstrations, traditional food and drink of the season.

Turkey Processing Workshop-November 18, 10am-12pm. For those who want to raise their own.

Wood Stove Cooking Workshop-December 2, 10am-1pm. Learn this traditional art.

Victorian Christmas-December 10, 1-4pm. Savor old time delights of a Victorian Christmas.

The Little Nature Museum-656 Gould Hill Road, Contoocook. June 24-October 29, weekends and holidays. Small hands-on nature center featuring nature exhibits, collections, view short videos or slide programs, large number of nature activities for adults and children. Open seasonally on weekend and holiday afternoons for free. Reservations are required for groups or weekday visits. Call for admission fees. 746-6121, nature-museum@conknet.com, www.littlenaturemuseum.org.

A Walk on the Wild Side-July 9, 12:30-4pm. Families will enjoy this special afternoon, there will be a variety of hands-on take-home nature activities held outside, weather permitting, and inside. Activities will relate to the Museum's trail and discovery area; a guided walk will be included.

Nature Fest 2006-September 9-10, 12-5pm. Annual free event, held rain or shine, in cooperation with several environmental organizations, will include exhibits, demonstrations, special children's activities, educational nature programming, guided museum tours and trail walks, prizes and hay rides.

Museum of Childhood-2784 Wakefield Road, Wakefield. 522-8073.

Raggedy Ann's 100th Birthday-July 8, 12pm. If it is a sunny day bring your Raggedy Ann and a picnic lunch. We will have story time and games after lunch in the backyard of the Museum. Have a piece of Raggedy Ann's birthday cake.

Mickey Mouse's 75th Birthday-August 12, 12pm. If it is sunny, bring your Mickey Mouse and a picnic lunch. We will have story time and games after lunch in the backyard of the Museum. Have a piece of Mickey's birthday cake.

Family Day-Wright Museum, 77 Center Street, Wolfeboro. July 9, 11am-3pm. Join us at the 9th Annual Family Day, there will be tours, entertainment, a barbecue luncheon with hamburgers and hot dogs, balloons and face painting. Take rides on restored WWII military vehicles around downtown. Admission \$10 per person, under 5 free. 569-1212, wrmuseum@aol.com, www.wrightmuseum.org.

Seasonal Festivals...

Volunteer Days-D Acres of New Hampshire, 218 Streeter Woods Road, Dorchester. March-August, last Sunday of each month, 10am-4pm. Get your hands dirty working in the gardens, on the trails or building with earthen materials, hearty farm lunch included. 786-2366, dacres@cyberportal.net, www.dacres.org.

Farm Feast Breakfast & Open House-D Acres of New Hampshire, 218 Streeter Woods Road, Dorchester. beginning in May, first Sunday of each month, 10am-1pm. All you can eat breakfast featuring pancakes, French toast, NH maple syrup, eggs, farm raised meat and potatoes. Work off your indulgence with a tour of the working, organic farm. Donations of \$10/adults, \$5/children. Can't make the feast? Drop by at 2pm for the open house tour and garden walk. 786-2366, dacres@cyberportal.net, www.dacres.org.

Summer Solstice Celebration-Beaver Brook Maple Hill Farm, 117 Ridge Road, Hollis. June 23, 6pm-dark. Come celebrate summer on one of the longest days of the year. Bring a blanket, a picnic dinner and family or friends to lounge in the glorious gardens and listen to live music until dusk. Guided nature hikes will be offered to Spatterdock Pond and the wigwam. The 12 theme gardens at the farm are at their peak for you to enjoy. Dessert buffet and best dessert contest. Bring something to eat. Open to the public free of charge. 465-7787, education@beaverbrook.org, www.beaverbrook.org.

Gould Hill Orchards Apple Harvest Days-Gould Hill Orchards, 656 Gould Hill Road, Contoocook. Early August-Thanksgiving, open daily. Pick your own apples, many varieties available. The orchard store has 85 varieties of apples and 13 peach varieties in season. View antique tractors and museum displays, nostalgic barn and Orchard store on family farm. Visit the Little Nature Museum, open by appointment, featuring hands-on and interactive collections including fossils, rocks, shells, Indian artifacts, observation bee hive, marked nature trails and educational programs. Tour available. 746-3811, gouldhill@aol.com, www.gouldhill.com.

Annual Potter Place Festival-Potter Place, Andover. August 6, 9am-2pm. Flea market at 9am, auction at 12pm, farmers' market, craft market, demonstrations, entertainment, children's games, railroad handcar rides, tractor parade, historic railroad station museum, old caboose, Potter Place Post Office and Old Country Store museum, food, drinks and fun. 735-5690., ehiller@tds.net.

Richmond Blueberry Fiddle Festival-Routes 119 and 32, Richmond. August 12, 10am-7pm. Enjoy old fashioned family fun in the country, featuring a delightful lineup of great performers, music workshops, dancing, traditional folk games, races, blueberry bake-off, auction and other events that will please young and old alike. There will be fiddling, picking, jamming, grinning, eating and dancing at this day of old time, wholesome family fun! Free admission, 239-6495, sisters@fromthehousetops.com, www.blueberryfiddlefestival.com.

Celebration of Apples-Apple Hill Farm, 580 Mountain Road, Concord. September 3-4, 8:30am-5:30pm. Celebrate the first weekend of the apple harvest, recipes and samples will be available for tasting. Come harvest the first apples of the season, take a hike and enjoy the country air! 224-8862, applehill@fcgnetworks.net, www.applehillfarmnh.com.

Langdon Covered Bridge Festival-Crane Brook Road, Langdon. September 17, 10am-4pm. Bridge to bridge benefit walk, approximately 3.8 miles, kids games, adult competition, craft vendors, antique vendors, bake sale table, plant table, hay rides, food and an auction. 835-7943, samuelsutcliffe@aol.com.

Fall Equinox Celebration-Come Celebrate the Harvest-Herban Living Farm, 242 General Miller Highway, Temple. September 23, 12-6pm. Apple and tomato bobbing, turnip lantern carving, farm animal and field tours, sauerkraut making, children's games, music, potluck food and more! 878-0459, lisa@herbanlivingfarm.org, www.herbanlivingfarm.org.

Fall Festival & Art Photography Show-Beaver Brook Association, Maple Hill Farm, 117 Ridge Road, Hollis. September 23, 24, 30, October 1, 12-5pm. The focal point of the event is the art and photography show at the farm, live music, live animal presentations, self-guided pumpkin trail, nature crafts and environmental exhibits for children, plus garden products and food for sale. Admission is free. 465-7787, education@beaverbrook.org, info@beaverbrook.org, www.beaverbrook.org.

Fiber Arts Festival-Artistic Roots Cooperative Gallery & Creative Center, Routes 175 & 49, Campton Falls Marketplace, Campton. Month of October, 10am-6pm, daily. Exhibit featuring area fiber artists ranging from quilts to clothing. 726-7101, artrootscampton@yahoo.com, http://www.artisticroots.com.

Fall Foliage Art Fair-Artistic Roots Cooperative Gallery & Creative Center, Routes 175 & 49, Campton Falls Marketplace, Campton. October 7-8, 10am-6pm. Fiber arts demonstrations and exhibits. 726-7101, artrootscampton@yahoo.com, http://www.artisticroots.com.

23rd Annual Harvest Festival-Meadow Ledge Farm, 612 Route 129, Loudon. October 7-9, 9am-6pm. Apple picking, weekend tractor rides, live entertainment, apple bobbing, kids games, homemade cider donuts, pumpkins, gift shop, pies, picnic tables. Free admission. Rain or shine. 798-5860, nhapples@aol.com.

Warner Fall Foliage Festival-Warner. October 7-8, all day. Oxen pull, woodsmen's contest, arts, crafts, midway, flea market, entertainment, country breakfast, road race, food booths, lobster dinner, chicken barbecue, grand parade. 456-9775, wfff@wfff.org, www.wfff.org.

Octoberfest-Applecrest Farm Orchards, 133 Exeter Road, Route 88, Hampton Falls. October 21-22, 11am-5pm. Enjoy live bluegrass music, horse drawn hayrides, corn roast, tractor rides through the orchard, apple pie eating contest, kid's crafts, apple cider donuts, pumpkins and apples. 926-3721, PeterWagner@applecrest.com, www.applecrest.com.

Song, Dance & Theater...

Francetown Contra Dance-Francetown Town Hall. Second Saturday every month, 8-11pm. A traditional New England Contra Dance that has been taking place in the Francetown Town Hall since it was built in 1847, making this event one of the oldest contra dances in the United States. Live traditional music and calling. All dances are taught and all levels of dancers, from beginners to experienced, are welcome. A fun event for families, singles, couples, or groups. Admission \$6 per person. 487-2480, nhdancecaller@aol.com.

D Acres of New Hampshire-218 Streeter Woods Road, Dorchester. Free admission. 786-2366, d acres@cyberportal, www.d acres.org.

Renewable Energy Film-July 7, 7pm. Weigh the pros and cons on proposed alternative energy projects.

This is What Democracy Looks like Film-August 4. Documentary narrative of the Seattle WTO protests.

The Take Film-September 1.

Wetback Film-October 6, 7pm. A harrowing "undocumented documentary" that exposes the true face and high cost of immigration to America.

Puppets-October 22, 1-5pm. Bring the kids to a pre-Halloween community gala, no tricks! The whole family will enjoy making life size puppets from paper mache.

Visions of Utopia Film-November 3, 7pm. A documentary tour of experiments in North American sustainable culture.

4th of July Fiddler's Contest-New Boston. July 4, 2pm. Annual fiddle contest held in conjunction with July 4th celebration. Three categories: youth, adult, open-judges and prize money. Event is held indoors on the grounds of the 4H Youth Center. Admission to contest is free with gate admission. 487-2480, nhdancecaller@aol.com, www.new-boston.nh.us.

Pemi Valley Bluegrass Festival-Branch Brook Campground, Campton. August 4-6, 1-10pm, Friday; 9am-11pm, Saturday; 9am-6pm, Sunday. Performances by nationally and regionally acclaimed musicians, bluegrass and old time country, church breakfasts and supper, country dance, family activities, workshops, food and supply vendors, river tubing and swimming. Free field camping with three-day tickets. 726-3471, russue@pemivalleybluegrass.com, www.pemivalleybluegrass.com.

10th Annual Blues Festival-Benton's Sugar Shack, Route 175 North, Thornton. August 19-20. Great weekend of blues in the heart of the White Mountains. 726-3867, info@whitemountainboogie.com, www.whitemountainboogie.com.

Unusual & Special Events...

Tour of the 1906 Round Barn of Piermont-430 Route 10, Piermont. By appointment. Guided tour of the last remaining round barn in New Hampshire. Reservations are required. 272-9026, www.cohase.org.

Winnepesaukee River Trail-Franklin/Northfield. Year round. Take a walk or bike ride on a scenic historic trail close to the downtowns of the Twin Rivers area, yet with the feel of wilderness. A three mile trail parallels the Winnepesaukee River and passes the historic sulphite upside down covered bridge believed to be the only one in the country and listed on the National Register of historic places. View mill ruins and remaining portions of dams that tell the history of the five mills that operated on this river in the mid 19th century. The trail is open to all non-motorized users and runs from the historic railroad trestle in Franklin to the Surret Battery property in Northfield. See collection of antique rail cars and cabooses that operate on the local scenic railroad. 934-5296.

Cheese & Ice Cream Making Tours-Sandwich Creamery, 134 Hannah Road, North Sandwich. Ongoing. Production of several cheeses: cheddar, smoked cheddar, brie, etc. and 20+ flavors of ice cream, see Jersey cows and calves, "babydoll" sheep and chickens in the fields, enjoy some ice cream in the flower gardens. 284-6675, sandwichcreamery@aol.com, www.sandwichcreamery.com.

Thyme & Ewe Farm Events-688 Chestnut Street, Claremont. 542-1746, poissonsheep1@aol.com.

Herbal Luncheons-June 18, 25, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10am, 12pm and 2pm. A delectable delight of dishes using herbs from our own farm. Admission \$10 per person. Reservations required.

Harvest Wreath Making-September 9, 16, 23, 10-11:30am. Join us at harvest time to create your own wreath work of art. Admission \$5 per person plus supplies. Reservations required.

Haunted Hay Rides-October 13-15, 21-23, 27-29, 6:30pm, 7pm, 7:30pm, 8pm. Join us for a haunted hay ride where things go bump in the night. Our resident witch will serve free Spider Cider and Deadly Donuts. Admission \$5 per person. Reservations recommended.

Making Herbal Treasures for Christmas-November 11, 18, 10-11:30am. You can make an herbal sleep pillow, sachet or mix your own potpourri. Admission \$5 per person plus supplies. Reservations required.

Victorian Dickens Christmas Teas-December 16, 23, 10am, 12pm, 2pm. Join us for a traditional English high tea. Servers are in period clothing. Admission \$5 per person. Reservations required.

D Acres of New Hampshire-218 Streeter Woods Road, Dorchester. Free admission. 786-2366, dacres@cyberportal.net, www.dacres.org.

Solar Energy-June 17, 10am-4pm. See the different ways solar energy can be used for home and water heating, photovoltaic electricity and cooking with the sun. Admission \$40.

Winemaking-July 22, September 16. Create wine from local berries. Admission \$24.

Vegetarian Cooking with the Seasons-August 2 & 30, 5-7pm. Join Sam as he prepares dinner for the community using fresh vegetables and herbs from the garden. Learn the art of combining the harvest and share in the feast! Admission \$12.

Herbal Tea-September 17, 2-4pm. Discover how plants grown in your own backyard can be harvested and dried for tea. Admission \$20.

Canning-September 30, 1-4pm. Learn the basics of harvest preservation, a must-know skill for cold climate sustainability. Admission \$24.

Brewing-October 7, 1-6pm. Come learn the alchemy of fermentation and see how we brew our own beverages from farm grown hops. Admission \$28.

Bread Breaking-October 28, 1-5pm. Do it once and you will know how forever! Join the kitchen crew in preparing whole wheat yeast breads with healthy sweeteners and ingredients from the garden. Take home a steaming loaf of your own creation! Admission \$24.

Granite State Gas & Steam Engine Association 35th Annual Antique Engine Show-2052 Route 3, West Campton. June 3-4, 8am-5pm, Saturday; 8am-4pm, Sunday. This is the final gas engine show scheduled for this location! This is a small show but with good attendance. We have a variety of antique engines, gas and steam, tractors, crawlers, antique cars and trucks, and farm equipment. The public is welcome. There will be refreshments and tent to rest under. 726-3257.

Maxfield Parrish Stage Set Viewings-Plainfield Town Hall, Route 12A, Plainfield. July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, 1-5pm, Sundays. Stage set designed by artist Maxfield Parrish in 1916, on display and lighted, exhibits, video of his life shown, lecture and gifts. Admission \$1. 675-6866, plfdlib@cyberportal.net.

Library Book & Yard Sale-North Conway. July 15-16, 9am-3pm. Annual library book and yard sale, selling thousands of books, fiction, non-fiction, children's, hardcover, paperbacks, videos, books on tape and hundreds of elegant junk in our yard sale. 356-2961, ncpl@verizon.net.

Corn Maze at Beans & Greens Farmstand-245 Intervale Road, Route 11B, Gilford. Opens in August, 10am-5pm, daily; 8-10pm, Friday & Saturday. A maze created to challenge your sense of direction! The corn maze features riddles, trivia questions related to school age children for field trips, as well as, assorted for the public. There are also farm animals and an observational beehive at the farm. 293-2853, beansandgreensfarm@msn.com, www.beansandgreensfarm.com.

Beech Hill Farm Corn Mazes-107 Beech Hill Road, Hopkinton. August 1-October 31, 11am-dusk. We offer three amazing corn mazes, all educational, according to school curriculum, always a State of NH maze and two other theme mazes. Three to four acres in size, lots of fun for young and young at heart, also a mile long nature trail through the scenic woods of a ninth generation family farm. 223-0828, RMKimball@fcgnetworks.net, www.beechhillfarm.com.

Farm Day-D Acres of New Hampshire, 218 Streeter Woods Road, Dorchester. August 19. Join the masses for our annual celebration featuring live music, great food, a raffle and tours of the farm. 786-2366, dacres@cyberportal.net, www.dacres.org.

NH Ag Day at Bonnie Brae Farms-601 Daniel Webster Highway, Plymouth. August 20, 10am-4pm. Join the hundreds of people who visit each year for guided walking tours to view 300 Red Deer, you will learn about the history and care of these majestic animals, try free samples of venison. Venison available to purchase. 536-3880, admin@bonniebraefarms.com, www.bonniebraefarms.com.

Lamson Farm Day-Lamson Road, Mont Vernon. September 30, 10am-4pm. A fun day on the farm for families. Activities include hayrides, pony rides, old tractors and related equipment, antique farm equipment on display, Mac the Knife available for sharpening scissors and knives, games for children, black powder shooting, blacksmithing and more! A chicken barbecue, home baked beans, pies and fresh cider, served at 12pm, adults/\$8, children/\$4. 673-0493, ktyhkw@adelphia.net.

Holiday Show-Artistic Roots Cooperative Gallery & Creative Center, Routes 175 & 29, Campton Falls Marketplace, Campton. Month of December, 10am-6pm. Members create an exhibit that expresses the sentiments of the season. 726-7101, artrootscampton@yahoo.com, <http://www.artisticroots.com/>.

Wreath Making-Artistic Roots Cooperative Gallery & Creative Center, Routes 175 & 29, Campton Falls Marketplace, Campton. December 3, 2-6pm. Wreath making demonstrations and seasonal celebration. Materials provided for a nominal fee. 726-7101, artrootscampton@yahoo.com, <http://www.artisticroots.com/>.

NH Farmers' Markets...

New Hampshire Farmers' Markets offer the colorful and tasty bounty of local farms and gardens all season long. Enjoy the friendly, open air market atmosphere while shopping for fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers, locally prepared foods and specialty items. There are convenient Farmers' Markets located throughout the state. For variety, quality, value and the chance to chat with local farmers, visit a New Hampshire Farmers' Market this season!

Amherst Farmers' Market: Amherst Village Green. June 1-October 5, Thursdays, 2:30-6:30pm. Locally grown & organic produce, fruits, cut flowers, herbs, wine, seafood, milk, cheese, baked goods, preserves, soaps, potted plants, other specialty items. Rain or shine, 249-9809, grdnprty1@aol.com.

Barrington Farmers' Market: Rts. 9 & 125, across from Calef's Country Store. May-October, Saturdays, 8:30am-12pm. Fruits, vegetables, plants, cut flowers, eggs, mushrooms. 749-0377.

Bedford Farmers' Market: Rt. 101 to Wallace Rd. to Benedictine Park. Summer, Tuesdays, 3-6pm. Organic and locally grown produce, wine, fish, venison, baked goods, cut flowers, cheese, fruits, apples, strawberries, blueberries. Family events and celebrations, local musicians. Rain or shine, 494-8190. info@bedfordfarmersmarket.com, www.bedfordfarmersmarket.com.

Canaan Farmers' Market: On the Park, U.S. Rt. 4 & NH Rt. 118. June 20-September 26, Tuesdays, 3:30-6:30pm. Locally and vendor grown produce, meats, baked goods, maple products, fine crafts. "Primavera" markets, Saturdays, May 20 & 27; Harvest Market, Saturday, October 7, both of these markets are morning markets, 9am-12pm. Rain or shine, 523-4337. kushwood@valley.net.

Claremont Farmers' Market: Broad Street Park. June 1-October 12, Thursdays, 3:30-6:30pm. Produce, fresh bread, baked goods, eggs, flowers, fudge, herbs, honey, jams, jellies, maple syrup, meats, plants, seed, soaps, handcrafted clothing, quilts, gifts. Free entertainment, children's activities weekly, Celebrate NH Farmers' Market week. Rain or shine, 542-8687. claremontmarket@aol.com, www.claremontmarket.org.

Colebrook Farmers' Market: 84 Colby St. July-October, Saturdays, 8am-12pm. Vegetables, fruits, berries, baked goods, maple products, pickles, jams, jellies, wool yarn, crafts. Rain or shine, 237-4430.

Concord Farmers' Market: Capitol St. June-October, Saturdays, 8:30am-12pm. Fresh produce, crafts. Rain or shine, 796-2654.

Contoocook Farmers' Market: Main St. July-September, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Pies, jams, jellies, maple syrup, eggs, vegetables, plants, compost, bread, berries. Rain or shine, 746-2874.

Cornish Farmers' Market: Cornish Flat. May-October, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Seasonal produce, baked goods, bread, organic meats, crafts, maple products, plants. Apple and pumpkin festivals. Rain or shine, 542-6323. ara8@earthlink.net.

Deerfield Farmers' Market: Old Center Rd. Early summer-early autumn, Fridays, 3-7pm. Fruits, vegetables, crafts, meats, jams, jellies, baked goods, plants. Hay rides, music, magic. Rain or shine, 463-8812. deerfieldfarmersmarket@hotmail.com.

Enfield Farmers' Market: Huse Park, U.S. Rt. 4 & Main. Late-June-early October, 3-6pm. Fruits, vegetables, maple, honey, baked goods, meats, yarn, soap, flowers, eggs, chicken, jams, jellies. Weekly entertainment; Cheese Day is August 9. Rain or shine, 632-7197. info@shakerhill.com, EVA@interdial.com, www.Enfieldmainstreet.org.

Farmington Farmers' Market: parking lot rear of Bank of NH and library, corner of Main St. & Central St. Summer, Saturdays, 8am-12pm. Baked goods, annuals, perennials, vegetables. 859-7861.

Franklin Community Farmers' Market: Unitarian Church parking lot, Central St. June 27-October 3, Tuesdays, 3-6pm. Produce, natural meats, wool, fiber products, honey, maple syrup, jellies, jams, ice cream, baked goods. Rain or shine, 934-3229. cindytailormidwife@yahoo.com.

Hancock Farmers' Market: in the horse sheds behind the church. Mid-May-mid-October, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Vegetables, fruits, certified organic produce, pickles, buffalo meat, honey, handicrafts, baked goods, soups, perennials, flowers, maple syrup, soaps, kettle corn, quilts, yarns, preserves, cider (in season). Weekly musical, craft and cooking events; announcements in local papers and sign board. Rain or shine, 525-3788. cdaloz@worldpath.net.

Henniker Farmer's Market: Community Park, Main St. July 5-October 11, Wednesdays, 3-6pm. Vegetables, fruits, maple syrup, honey, crafts, body products, flowers, homemade dog biscuits, eggs, pork, chicken, composting red worms, baked goods. Live music periodically. Rain or shine, 428-7490. info@hennikerfarmersmarket.us, www.hennikerfarmersmarket.us.

Jackson Area Market: Jackson Village. Summer, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Vegetables, fruits, arts and crafts. Shine only, 383-6277.

Jaffrey Farmers' Market: Monadnock Plaza, Rt. 202. July-September, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Produce, flowers, plants, jams, jellies, maple syrup, baked goods, limited crafts. Rain or shine, 532-6561.

Keene Farmers' Market: commercial parking lot off Gilbo Ave. May-October, Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9am-2pm. Fruits, vegetables, herbs, plants, flowers, maple syrup, honey, baked goods, crafts, jams, jellies, eggs and soap. Rain or shine, 446-9474.

Laconia Farmers' Market: Beacon St. East, upper parking lot, next to City Hall. June 24-October 7, Saturdays, 8:30am-12pm. Vegetables, fruits, baked goods, jams, jellies, flowers, crafts, maple syrup, honey, goat cheese and milk and eggs. Rain or shine, 267-6522. btramsay1@aol.com.

Lancaster Farmers' Market: Centennial Park. June-October, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Certified organic produce, fresh local produce, goat cheese, eggs, baked goods, pestos, jams, jellies, cut flowers, plants, maple syrup, free range chickens, honey, fruits, berries and cider. Rain or shine, 586-9832. lancasterfarmers@aol.com, www.NorthernNHFarmersMarket.com.

Lebanon Farmers' Market: Colburn Park, downtown Lebanon. June-September, Thursdays, 4-7pm. Locally and organically grown produce, breads, baked goods, poultry and meat products, eggs, cheese, prepared foods, hard cider, crafts, jewelry, soaps, woolens. Live music at every market and community booths. Rain or shine, 802-649-2724. franny@valley.net, www.lebcity.com.

Littleton Farmers' Market: Cottage St., Senior Center parking lot. June 18-October 8, Sundays, 10am-1pm. Fresh local produce in season, meat, eggs, poultry, maple products, preserves, baked goods, prepared food, perennials, cut flowers, honey, crafts, wood products. Entertainment and demonstrations through the season. 444-7777/0248. info@littletonmainstreet.org, www.littletonmainstreet.org.

Lower Cohase Farmers' Market: Rt. 302, Woodsville. June 15-October 15, Wednesdays, 11am-2pm. Seasonal produce, melons, eggs, baked goods, crafts, flowers, plants. Rain or shine, 838-6425.

Manchester Downtown Farmers' Market: Victory Park, Concord St. & Pine St. June-October, Thursdays, 3-6:30pm. Vegetables, herbs, flowers, eggs, meat, baked goods, certified organic vendors, soups, maple products, strawberries, blueberries, apples, pears, peaches, melons, dried flowers, wines. Weekly demonstrations of cooking, music, children days, food sampling. Rain or shine, 679-8101. charliereid@ttlc.net.

Meredith Village Farmers' Market: Community Park, Main St. July 6-September 14, Thursdays, 3-6pm. Fresh locally grown meat, fruits, vegetables, crafts, maple syrup, baked goods. Demonstrations, music. Rain or shine, 279-9015. gmpl@metrocast.net.

Milford Farmers' Market: TD Banknorth, lower lot, South St. Late-June-early-October, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Locally grown fruits, vegetables, flowers, herbs, plants, baked goods, jams, jellies, maple syrup. Rain or shine, 673-5792, mosseyapples@aol.com.

New Boston Farmers' Market: Town Common at the gazebo, Rt. 13. July-October, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Local produce, baked goods, eggs, flowers, jams, sweets, honey, maple syrup, herbals, fresh fish. Rain or shine, 487-3577. harveyhouse@earthlink.net.

Newport Farmers' Market: on the common, North Main St. June 9-October 13, Fridays, 3-6pm. Fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers, breads, pastries, cookies, candies, soaps, meats, eggs, preserves, wool products, food concessions. Rain or shine, 863-4847. newportfarmersmarket@adelphia.net

North Conway Farmers' Market: Gibson Center for Senior Services. July-September, Tuesdays, 1-5pm. Vegetables, fruits, arts and crafts. Rain or shine, 383-6277.

Nottingham Farmers' Market: Blaisdell Memorial Library parking lot, 129 Stage Rd., Mid July-mid September, Sundays, 1-4pm. Fresh local produce and plants. 679-8484.

Peterborough Farmers' Market: Depot Square Park. May 24-October 4, Wednesdays, 3-6:30pm. Starter plants, vegetables, herbs, fruits, cut flowers, bouquets, perennials, eggs, poultry, lamb, goose, duck, herbal products, baked goods, pickles, preserves, honey, maple syrup, goat cheese, raw fresh milk, raw fresh goats milk, jewelry, soap, candles, hand knit sweaters, mittens, scarves, felted bags, other items felted. Rain or shine, 547-2108. greenfieldgardens@verizon.net.

Pittsfield Farmers' Market: Dustin Park. Mid June-mid October, Thursdays, 3-5:30pm. Local farm fresh vegetables, fruits in season, baked goods, bread, jams, jellies, soaps, cut flowers, annuals, perennials, herbs, specialty products. Rain or shine, 435-7695. nan@adamsonhouse.com.

Plymouth Farmers' Market: Church of the Holy Spirit Community Life Center, Highland St. June 22-September 28, Thursdays, 3-6pm. Corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, beans, peas, lettuce, beets, melons, cut flowers, meats, eggs, soaps and baked goods. Rain or shine, 536-3823. longview175@adelphia.net.

Rochester Downtown Farmers' Market: Church of the Redeemer parking lot, 57 Wakefield St. Summer, Thursdays and Fridays, 3-6pm. Baked goods, annuals, perennials, vegetables. 859-7861.

Sanbornton Farmers' Market: Sanbornton Historical Society's Lane Tavern in Sanbornton Square, Rt. 132. June 30-October 6, Fridays, 3-6pm. Agricultural crafts, baked goods, dairy, free range poultry and meat products, eggs, fiber goods, crafts, flowers, fresh fruits, berries, herbs, honey, jams, jellies, potted plants, processed foods, seeds, syrup, vegetables, woods crafts and products. Local entertainment; fresh produce cooking demonstrations. Rain or shine, 528-1990. sfm@shakerwoodsfarm.com, http://lanetaver.org/sf.htm.

Sandwich Farmers' Market: Samuel H. Wentworth Library, under the Pines, Rt. 109. June 24-September 30, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Locally grown and certified organic produce, fruits, berries, maple syrup, baskets, baked goods, seasonal demonstrations, plants, more. Old Home week in August. Rain or shine, 284-7163.

Seacoast Farmers' Markets: Featuring locally grown products, certified organic products, prepared foods, baked goods, arts and crafts. 778-6003 (in season hotline).

Dover: Henry Law Park, June-October, Wednesdays, 2:30-5:30pm.

Durham: Pettee Brook Lane parking lot, June-October, Mondays, 2:30-5:30pm.

Exeter: Swasey Parkway, June-October, Thursdays, 2:30-5:30pm.

Hampton: Sacred Heart School parking lot, Lafayette Rd., June-October, Tuesdays, 3-6pm.

Kingston: The Plains, Main St., June-October, Tuesdays, 2:30-5:30pm.

Portsmouth: City Hall parking lot, Junkins Ave., May-November, Saturdays, 8am-1pm.

Stratham: Stratham Hill Park, June-October, Wednesdays, 2:30-5:30pm.

Tilton Farmers' Market: East Main St. across from Police Department. June-October, Wednesdays, 3-6pm. Fruits, vegetables, bedding plants, seasonal plants, pumpkins, maple products, honey products, pies, jams, jellies, baked goods, craft items. Rain or shine, 286-8668. info@tiltonmainstreet.org.

Wakefield Farmers' Market: corner of Rt. 16 and Wakefield Rd., opposite Palmers Motel. May 27-October 7, Saturdays, 9am-3pm. Local vegetables, fruits in season, baked goods, fudge, plants, pottery, wood, fiber art. Demonstrations 10-11am. Rain or shine, 473-8762. www.wakefieldmarketplace.homestead.com.

Weare Farmers' Market: Town Gazebo. July-September, Fridays, 3-6pm. Seasonal fresh fruits, produce, certified organic goods, fresh baked breads, pies, jams, jellies, pickles, goats milk soaps, lotions, fresh garlic, compost, flowers, potted plants. Vendor demonstrations, educational events, music. Rain or shine, 529-0782. wearefarmersmarket@hotmail.com.

Wilmot Farmers' Market: Wilmot Town Green, near bandstand. July 1-September 30, Saturdays, 9am-12pm. Vegetables, baked goods, meats, maple syrup, plants, cut flowers, honey, jams, jellies, herbal soaps, crafts, wool products. Local entertainment. Rain or shine, 371-0849. www.wilmotfarmersmarket.com. information@wilmotfarmersmarket.com.

Wilton Downtown Marketplace: 48 Main St. June-September, Fridays, 3:30-6:30pm. Produce, New Hampshire made and produced products. Free corn on cob while in season! Harvest Fair, September 16, 10am-2pm. Rain or shine, 654-3020. WMSA@tellink.net, www.mainstreet.wilton.nh.us.

Wolfeboro Area Farmers' Market: 35 Center St. across from DeVlyder's Market. June 22-September 28, Thursdays, 1-5pm. Organic vegetables, goats milk products, jams, jellies, baked goods, cut flowers, herbs, herb products, eggs, honey, maple syrup, potted plants, wool. Weekly educational demonstrations and events. Rain or shine, 323-3369. telemark@ncia.net.

Farms of Distinction

In 1997 the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food introduced a program recognizing those farms that make an effort to keep their busy farm stands neat and attractive. The New Hampshire Farms of Distinction program honors have been awarded to 91 farms to date. Each farm displays an attractive Farms of Distinction sign. For more information about the NH Farms of Distinction program contact the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food at 271-3788.

Among New Hampshire's prettiest farms by region are:

Great North Woods Region...

Clear Stream Farm, Errol

Graymist Farm, Groveton

Indian Stream Farm, Pittsburg

Maple Hill Farm, Monroe

Weir Tree Farms, Colebrook

White Mountains Region...

Allard Farm, Conway

Glen Farm, Piermont

Hatchland Farm, Haverhill

Minot Farm, Woodsville

Mount Cube Farm, Orford

Sherman Farm, Center Conway

The Rocks Christmas Tree Farm/Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Bethlehem

West View Farm & Orchard, North Haverhill

Windy Ridge Orchard, North Haverhill

Lakes Region...

Ancestral Acres, New Hampton
Beans & Greens Farm, Gilford
Butternut Farm, Farmington
Cornerstone Equestrian Center, Belmont
Heritage Farm, Sanbornton
Longview Farm, Plymouth
Moulton Farm, Meredith
Oak Ledge Farm, Belmont
Punch Brook Farm, Franklin
Shaker Woods Farm, Sanbornton
Spider Web Gardens, Center Tuftonboro
Surowiec Orchard, Sanbornton
Wayside Farm, North Sandwich

Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region...

Ascutney View Farm, West Claremont
Bartlett's Blueberry Farm, Newport
Bickford Homestead Farm, Orford
Edgewater Farm, Plainfield
Frye Farm, Wilton
Holmes Dairy, Langdon
McNamara Dairy/Mac's Happy Acres, Plainfield
Nunsuch Farm, Bradford
Riverview Farm, Plainfield
Sanctuary, Sunapee
Schroeder Farm, South Newbury
Springledge Farm, New London
Sunday Mountain Maple Farm, Orford
Tadmor Farm, Lebanon
Taylor Farm/Taylor Bros. Sugarhouse, Meriden
Tullando Farm, Orford
Walhowdon Farm, Lebanon

Monadnock Region...

Bascom Maple Farms, Alstead
Boggy Meadow Farm, Walpole
Clark's Sugarhouse, Langdon
Davis Brook Farm, Hancock
Eccardt Farm, East Washington
Elsesser Blueberry Acres, Alstead
High Hopes Orchards, Westmoreland
Homestead Farms, Walpole
Malnati Farm, Walpole
Maple Homestead Farm, Marlborough
New Fields Farm, Temple
Pitcher Mountain Farm, Stoddard
Rosaly's Garden, Peterborough
Washburn's Windy Hill Orchard, Greenville
Wellscroft Farm, Harrisville
Windyhurst Farm, Westmoreland

Merrimack Valley Region...

Apple Hill Farm, Concord
Beech Hill Farm, Hopkinton
Brookdale Fruit Farms, Hollis
Carter Hill Orchard, Concord
D.S. Cole Growers, Loudon
Folsom's Sugar House, Chester
Gould Hill Orchards, Contoocook
Highway View Farm, Boscawen
J & F Farms, Derry
Jones Farm, Chichester

Moose Hill Orchards, Londonderry
Morrill Farm, Penacook
Nesenkeag Co-op Farm, Litchfield
S.A. & A.S. Bartlett, Concord
Sunnycrest Farm Inc., Londonderry
Van Berkum Nurseries, Deerfield
Wilson Farm, Litchfield
Windswept Maples, Loudon

Seacoast Region...

Apple Annie, Brentwood
Berry Hill Farm, Stratham
Blueberry Bay Farm, Stratham
Cobbler Hill Farm, Rye
Emery Farm, Durham
Goudreault Farm, Plaistow
Indian Hill Farm & Greenhouse, South Hampton
Jewell Towne Vineyard, South Hampton
Mountain Star Farm, Rye
Riverslea Farm, Epping
Saltbox Farm, Stratham
Scenic Nursery, Raymond
Shaw's Hill Farm, Kensington

NH Farm to Restaurant Connection...

The New Hampshire Farm to Restaurant Connection (NHFRC) links New Hampshire farms and food businesses with New Hampshire restaurants.

NHFRC encourages and facilitates the purchase and use of local farm and food products for restaurant meal preparation. Everyone benefits when fresh local foods are part of restaurant fare.

NHFRC sponsors special dinner events at New Hampshire restaurants where the majority of the dinner courses are made of New Hampshire produced foods. Much as Winemaker Dinners celebrate the vintage harvest. Growers' Dinners highlight local farm and food products and their producers. Talented chefs create dishes that feature the products of selected farmers. Menus (and recipes) are created to not only promote and commemorate the event, but to use as on-going public relations for both the farms and participating restaurants. These programs also help to heighten awareness among the public for the quality, variety and availability of local products throughout New Hampshire. Both consumers and businesses are encouraged to purchase and enjoy New Hampshire's own whenever possible.

2006 New Hampshire Growers' Dinner events are as follows:

July 21: The Woodstock Inn Station & Brewery, Route 3, Main Street, North Woodstock, 745-3951.

July 29: Mountain View Grant Resort & Spa, Whitefield, 800-438-3017.

August 7: Carpaccio Ristorante Italiano, Hanover.

September 21: The Franconia Farm Inn, Easton Road, Franconia, 823-5542.

September 26: Breakfast at Blake's Ice Cream Restaurant, 353 South Main Street, Manchester, 623-7242.

November 9: Eagle Mountain House, Carter Notch Road, Jackson, 383-9111 or 800-966-5779, with NH Farm Bureau, 224-1934.

For a complete list of dinner events and other NHFRC information, visit:

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